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REMARKS

The following remarks are responsive to the July 21, 2005 Office Action. Claims 1-20 remain as originally filed and are presented for further consideration in view of the following remarks.

Comments on Supplemental Declaration Filed Herewith

Applicants submit herewith a supplemental declaration signed by all the inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67 which corrects deficiencies or inaccuracies present in the earlier-filed declaration. The earlier-filed declaration misidentified the application to which it was directed and omitted a claim of priority to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/690,983. This claim of priority was properly identified in the first paragraph of the originally-filed application and on the transmittal sheet accompanying the originally-filed application.

Response to Rejection of Claims 1-20 for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

In the July 21, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-20 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 11, 12, 14-17, 24, 34, 35, 39, 40, 41, and 43-45 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/690,983.

In the interest of expediting allowance of the present application, Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1-20. Applicants' submission of this terminal disclaimer to obviate the nonstatutory double patenting rejection is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection (*see*, M.P.E.P. § 804.02 (II), August 2001, page 800-32). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 1-20 and pass these claims to allowance.

Summary

For the reasons stated above, Applicants submit that Claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request such action.

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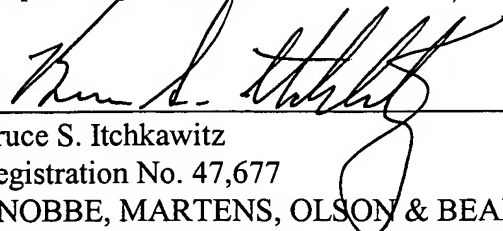
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